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(Via email and Certified Mail)
**CERTIFIED MAIL
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Mr. Armando Plata
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Santa Monica Public Safety Facility
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Santa Monica, California 90404
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SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF VIOLATION; UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK SYSTEM LOCATED AT SANTA MONICA PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY, 333 OLYMPIC DRIVE, SANTA MONICA**

Dear Mr. Plata:

As part of an initiative by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to ensure compliance at government-owned and/or operated underground storage tank (UST) facilities in California, the State Water Board staff inspected the UST at your facility on August 15, 2018, pursuant to authority under Health and Safety Code (H&SC), chapter 6.7, section 25289.

The State Water Board has identified the following violations pursuant to H&SC, chapter 6.7, and California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 23, chapter 16:

No.	Violation	Tank	Start Date	Stop Date	Regulation
1	**Failure to Maintain Monitoring or Testing Records –** The 2017 and 2016 annual monitoring certification records were not available at the time of inspection.	Diesel	August 15, 2018	Ongoing	H&SC 25293; 23 CCR 2712(b)
2	**Failure to Maintain Operating Permit Onsite –** A copy of the current operating permit was not available at the time of inspection.	Diesel	August 15, 2018	Ongoing	H&SC 25284(a); 23 CCR 2712(i)
3	**Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility –** The Chief Financial Officer letter observed at the time of inspection was not current.	Diesel	August 15, 2018	Ongoing	H&SC 25292.2; 23 CCR 2711(a)(11)

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4	**Failure to Maintain Monitoring or Testing Records** – The May and June 2018 monthly designated operator inspection reports were not available at the time of inspection.	Diesel	August 15, 2018	Ongoing	23 CCR 2715(e)
5	**Failure to Maintain Tank Information** – Under tank construction in CERS, primary containment lists fiberglass; however, the Modern Welding tank has a steel primary.	Diesel	August 15, 2018	Ongoing	23 CCR 2711(a)
6	**Failure to Maintain Spill Containment Requirements** – The April 19, 2018 Annual Monitoring Certification Spill Bucket Testing Report notes that the diesel spill container holds four gallons.	Diesel	April 19, 2018	Ongoing	23 CCR 2635(b)(1)

You are directed to correct the ongoing violations and submit compliance documentation to the State Water Board and Santa Monica Fire Department within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter. Have your Designated Operator make specific notations in the next monthly designated operator report indicating the ongoing violations have been corrected. The monthly designated operator report and any associated photos must be submitted as proof of compliance.

Please send all compliance documentation to the following:

State Water Board
Mr. Douglas McDevitt
UST Enforcement Unit
Office of Enforcement
State Water Resources Control Board
801 K Street, Suite 2300
Sacramento, California 95814
douglas.mcdevitt@waterboards.ca.gov

Local CUPA
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Pursuant to Health and Safety Code, chapter 6.7, section 25299, the owner and operator of the tank(s) are liable for a penalty of $500 to $5,000 per tank, per day of violation. These penalties will continue to accrue until the violations have been corrected.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 341-5551, or by email at amantha.henkel@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Amantha Henkel
Senior Environmental Scientist
UST Enforcement Unit
Office of Enforcement

cc: See next page.

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